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TAGS: EWWT, VE

SUBJ: PUERTO CABELLO PORT CONGESTION SURCHARGE

REF: STATE 086172

1. SHIPPING INDUSTRY SPOKESMEN HERE REPORT NO KNOWLEDGE OF INCREASE TO 30 PERCENT PUERTO CABELLO PORT CONGESTION SURCHARGE EFFECTIVE APRIL 1.

2. PUERTO CABELLO HAS BEEN SERIOUSLY CONGESTED FOR WEEKS. PROJECTION FOR IMMEDIATE FUTURE UNCERTAIN, BUT PREDICTIONS ARE THAT CONDITIONS WILL WORSEN BEFORE IMPROVING. REPORTS THAT FIFTEEN TO TWENTY VESSELS AT ANCHOR AWAITING BERTHS FOR DAYS. APRIL 23 REPORT HAS FIFTEEN VESSELS AT ANCHOR, FIVE VESSELS DUE TO ARRIVE, AND ALL BERTHS OCCUPIED.

3. AVERAGE WAITING TIME 5-6 DAYS ALTHOUGH ONE VESSEL WITH 17,000 TONS SORGHUM WAITING BERTH SINCE FEBRUARY 14. 130,000 TONS SHIPMENT OF GRAIN EN ROUTE TO VENEZUELA BEING TRANSPORTED IN TEN TO TWELVE VESSELS SCHEDULED FOR ARRIVALS VENEZUELAN PORTS, ABOUT HALF DUE FOR PUERTO CABELLO.

4. NO IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE ACTION TAKEN OR PLANNED BY AUTHORITIES. IN PAST, SHIPS HAVE BEEN DIVERTED TO OTHER PORTS BY ALTHOUGH  
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SUCH REMEDY TENDS TO LESSEN THE CONGESTION AT PUERTO CABELLO

TEMPORARILY, THE ACTION RESULTS IN WITHER CONGESTING THOSE  
PORTS TO WHICH CARGOES HAVE BEEN DIVERTED OR INCREASE IN  
COSTS OF DISCHARGE UP TO THREE HUNDRED PERCENT, OR BOTH.  
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